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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed 12 February 2007</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-20</u> .			
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.			
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-20, claims 1, 5, and 9 disclose an apparatus, system and a corresponding method for improving format efficiency of a hard disk drive, comprising writing data tracks on the hard disk at varying distances from the center of the hard disk so that lengths of unused areas between data sectors and subsequent servo samples in each of the data tracks on the hard disk are substantially equal to the varying spacing distance between the read element and the write element as measured along a corresponding data track of the hard disk, which is neither disclosed or an obvious variation of the prior art.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniell L. Negrón whose telephone number is 571-272-7559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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